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1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.
2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.
3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).
4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.
5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.
6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.
7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.
8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.
9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes; and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.
10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.
11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.
12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.
13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.
14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

NOTE

Beginning with the January 1974 issue, the title of this publication was changed to "Montana Employment and Labor Force" to reflect a change in the concept of measuring employment requested by the U. S. Department of Labor of all State Employment Security Agencies. The change was made to ensure comparability between states, and to make employment data published by this agency for Montana comparable to national labor force concepts. Civilian Labor Force series now reflect a count of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence (known as residence data) rather than by place of work (known as establishment data). The years 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973 were revised to the residence concept and as a result data after January 1970 are not strictly comparable to data published earlier.

Conceptually, the difference between the old "Work Force" and the new "Labor Force" series is that the new series eliminates duplicate counting of multiple job holders, and persons who work in Montana but reside in another state. However, people who live in Montana but work elsewhere are included in the new "Labor Force" estimates.

Residence and establishment data supplement one another and the Montana Employment Security Division will continue to publish establishment data for nonagricultural industries on employment, hours and earnings, labor turnover and job vacancy for those users who need this type of information.

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

- CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE -

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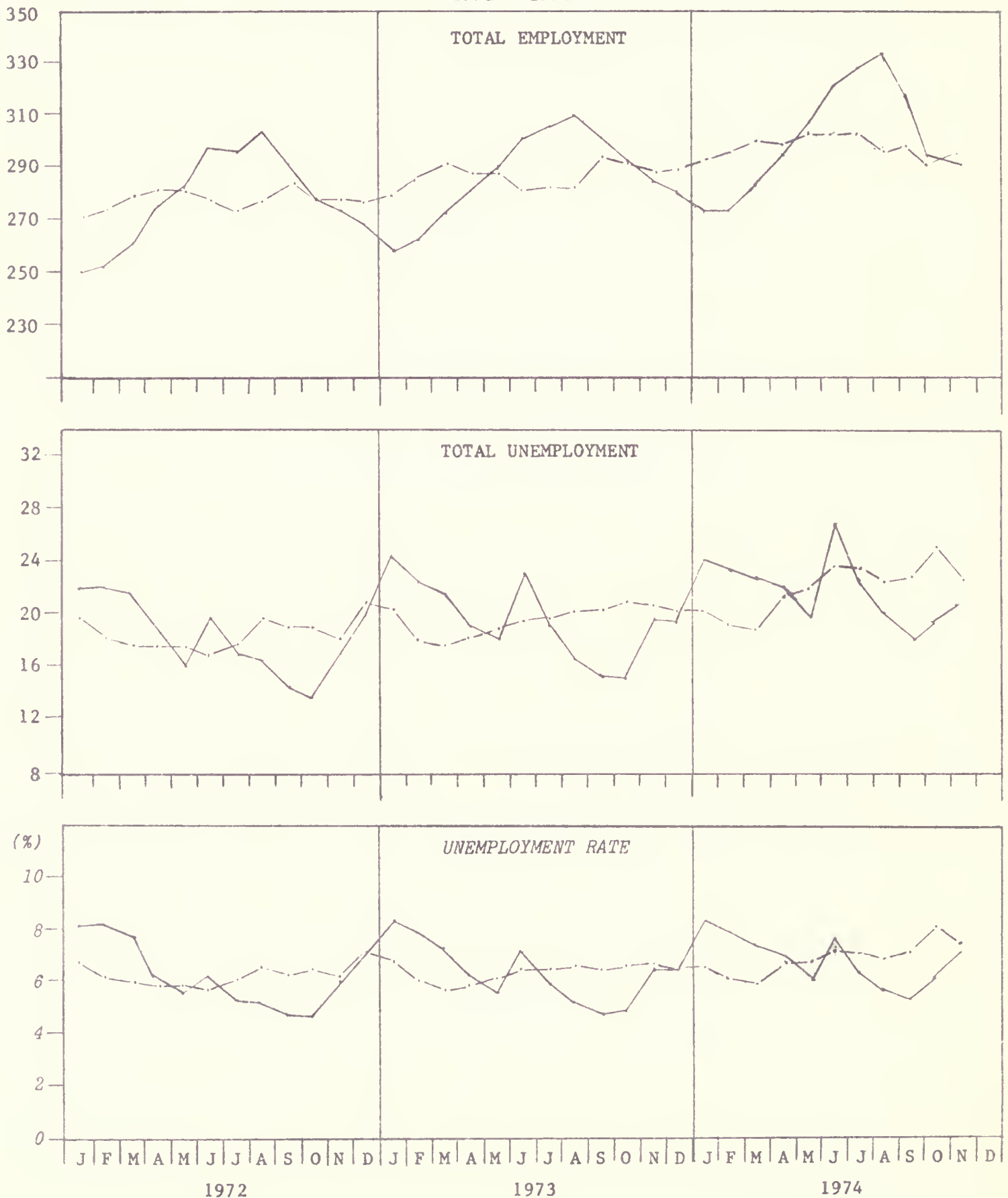
MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

NOVEMBER 1974

Montana's civilian labor force for October 1974 was 322,600, decreasing 7,100 from last month but showing an increase of 15,300 over October of 1973. Total unemployment in the state in October was 18,600, increasing 1,300 from last month and 11,600 from last year at the same time. The unemployment rate for this month was 5.8% compared with 5.3% for September and 4.9% for October one year ago.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment (establishment data) for Montana was 238,400, a decrease of 7,100 from last month but an increase of 9,000 over one year ago. Employment in the manufacturing industries declined both from last month (down 1.2 thousand) and last year (down 900). Much of this decrease was due to the lumber and woods products where 1,400 fewer people were employed this year than in October 1973.

Total nonmanufacturing employment in October was 214,500 compared with 220,400 the previous month and 204,600 for the same period last year. Nonmanufacturing industries showing increases over last year but decreases from last month were transportation and public utilities, up 700 from last year but down 400 from last month; wholesale and retail trade, up 3,800 from last year but down 1,300 from last month; services, up 2,200 from last year but down 2,100 from last month; government, up 1,500 from last year but down 1,000 from last month. Persons employed in the mining industry totaled 7.0 thousand, approximately the same as a month earlier and an increase of 800 over October of last year. Finance, insurance and real estate industries with 10,100 people employed remained the same as last month but also showed an increase of 800 from last year.

Agricultural employment at 34,900 was the same as it was a year ago but was down 1,900 from September. October index of prices received by farmers and ranchers increased 5% over the previous month; however, this was 12% below prices received one year ago. The all crops index showed an 11% increase over September while livestock prices received were down 5% from last month and down 40% from a year ago.

Bank debits for Montana for September were up 34% over last month and up 30% for the first nine months of the year. Montana's two Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Billings and Great Falls, both showed increases. Billings increased 27% over last month and was up 33% for the year. Great Falls increased 23% over last month and was also up 23% for the year. Other Montana communities showing good gains over September 1973 were Missoula, up 65%, Helena up 56%, Anaconda up 51%, Miles City up 57%, Worden up 68%, Laurel up 53% and Havre up 50%.

Crude oil and condensate in Montana's oil and gas areas for August averaged 92,956 barrels daily, 853 barrels more than in July. Forty-seven wells were completed during August and 73 permits were issued to drill new wells.

Four-hundred and sixty-five permits were issued for September in the state with a total valuation of \$7.6 million. Last year at the same time 390 permits were issued with a valuation of \$4.9 million. Residential permits issued in September totaled 140 with a valuation of \$4.1 million compared with 97 issued last year with a valuation of \$2.1 million. So far in 1974, 1,218 residential permits were issued with a valuation of \$34.4 million. In 1973, for the same period of time, 1,024 were issued, valued at \$31.5 million. Three hundred and twenty-five nonresidential permits were issued in September bringing the total this year to 2,560 compared with the 293 issued last

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

September and 2,379 for the first nine months in 1973. Billings had the most permits issued with 111, while Great Falls had 82 issued and Missoula had 55 issued. Helena had the highest valuation, totaling \$1.9 million while Billings and Missoula both totaled \$1.6 million.

October's average weekly earnings for the private nonagricultural industries were \$158.11 compared with \$157.38 in September and \$145.02 for October of last year. Average weekly hours for October remained the same as last month at 36.6 which was a slight decrease from the 36.9 recorded for the same time one year ago.

ANACONDA

Ground was broken this month for a \$2.2 million 100-apartment complex for senior citizens. A labor dispute at two major area food stores was settled this month, and construction at the new Arbiter plant continues with about 250 persons working by October's end. Construction is also proceeding normally at the old smelter with approximately 370 persons at work. A sawmill near Phillipsburg resumed its operations November 4. Anaconda bank debits for September were up 62% for the first 9 months of 1974 over last year.

BILLINGS

Employment continues to hold steady in the Billings area as a result of coal mining activities, heavy commercial construction, oil and gas exploration and development, the fall sugar beet campaign, and continuing active business on Main Street. Ninety-eight permits were issued in Billings during September with a valuation of \$1,597,000. Bank debits in September increased 27% over the same period one year ago.

BOZEMAN

In October, there were 23 permits issued in Bozeman totaling \$920,741. Included in these were a new \$133,000 savings and loan, drive-in bank facility, a new \$375,481 city shop complex, and a new

\$90,000 drive-in bank facility. A discount department store opened up in October with approximately 100 employees. Layoffs in the area were noted in the logging and the recreation industries. The main area agricultural activities included repair and maintenance of equipment, fencing, movement of cattle from summer ranges, and some hauling of cattle to market. Fall field work is mostly completed.

BUTTE

A \$500,000 remodeling job of a building that will house a 75-person engineering department of a state utility company is continuing. Building permits for new construction and remodeling in the amount of \$1,708,578 were issued in October with the major permit being \$1.6 million for a senior citizen manor. In highway construction activity - Interstate 15 of the Butte-Basin-Boulder route, an \$806,060 contract, was let to build three dual girder overpasses within five miles of and north of the Silver Bow - Jefferson county line. Three retail grocery operations returned to work after a week of labor negotiations in October. The local smelting company announced this month some major mining personnel layoffs resulting from the closure of the underground mining operation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

CUT BANK

Building permits cumulative total for the first eight months of 1974 was \$474,000 compared with \$117,000 for the same period one year ago. Two federal housing projects on the Blackfeet Reservation continued during the month and the pencil factory in Browning is running at full pace. Set-backs noted in the local economy have been the closure of the plywood lumber mill in Browning and seasonal layoffs of summer park employees. Construction and oilfields are currently the steadiest employers in the area.

DILLON

Local construction work consists of work on several new houses, a new substation for a power company, a new clothing store and several renovation and addition activities. Agricultural activities during the month included fencing, irrigating, plowing, and movement of livestock from summer ranges. Other activities included hauling hay, sorting, grading and sacking potatoes.

GLASGOW

General building contracting activities remained stable during the month. Construction is underway on a new shop and store building that will house a co-op dealership, and work was completed recently on building of a city water line, and the security fence at the Fort Peck powerhouse. Excellent weather conditions during the month continued to benefit the agriculture picture with fall clean-up and fix-up work being completed. Retail trade is running somewhat slower this year than at this time a year ago.

GLENDIVE

The sugar beet harvest in Dawson County was completed by the end of October with both the yield per acre and the sugar content above average. Construction work for the

month remained steady with the work on an elevator, the bridge at Fallon and several local homes continuing. Retail trade is expected to have a good seasonal increase with the holiday season coming. Also, a new discount store has opened in Glendive. Oilfield activity has remained slow during the month.

GREAT FALLS

For September there were 82 permits issued in Great Falls with a total valuation of \$777,000. This included 19 residential dwellings. Bank debits in the city for September were 22% above one year ago and up 23% for the first nine months of this year. A labor dispute by a local newspaper guild continued through the month idling an estimated 160 full-time workers.

HAMILTON

Local economic conditions remained low during the month as layoffs were noted in the logging, lumber mill, construction and service industries. Agricultural activity remained quiet as sugar beet and potato harvests were completed, and no appreciable increase in retail trade was noted although Main Street merchants are beginning to prepare for the holiday season. Construction work is winding down on the school project at Darby, while the new highway between Lolo and Florence has been completed.

HAVRE

All industries are normal for this time of year as all construction projects are progressing on schedule, and wholesale and retail trade and service activities are showing good activity. In agriculture, summer fallowing, rock picking and fall cleanup have been the main sources of work. Oil field exploration drilling in the area has shown only a small amount of activity.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

HELENA

Two-hundred and ninety-seven building permits have been issued this year in Helena with a total valuation of over \$8 million. Commercial construction is good; however, housing starts are down from a year ago. Retail, wholesale and service trades are normal for this time of year and received a boost with the opening of a large discount store. Farm and ranch work has slowed considerably as harvest and haying were completed.

KALISPELL

Construction starts in the city of Kalispell have gone over the \$7 million mark, topping the all-time high for the city. In October building permits totaled \$636,200 with the largest being \$475,000 remodeling and addition to a shopping center. Also in the process of being built is a new U. S. Army Reserve Center which is due for completion in February at a cost of \$390,000. In Columbia Falls, permits totaling \$337,500 have been issued thus far in 1974. These include one church, two duplexes, eight homes and five permits for businesses. Wholesale, retail and service industries are remaining stable. Outlook for employment in the agriculture field continued to decline and potato harvest, fall clean-up and Christmas tree cutting are completed.

LEWISTOWN

Lewistown's bank debits for September were up 14% from a year ago and so far this year are up 13%. There were 15 building permits issued in the city in September for construction of new buildings, repairs and alterations. The logging industry is down due to the closing of a local mill, and farm and ranch activities remained slow.

LIBBY

The Libby Dam project is moving along on schedule with about 470 persons working there. The lumber industry in the area

is down with about 400 people at a local lumber mill laid off.

LIVINGSTON

Area employment in all industries was mostly slow during the month. Only one sawmill in the area is in full operation which plagues the local lumber industry. Bank debits in the Livingston community for September were up 17% from the same month one year ago and up 21% for the first 9 months. Seventeen building permits were issued during September in the city, valued at \$52,000.

MILES CITY

Construction began this month on a 4,200 square foot billiard lounge with completion date set for January 1975. Bank debits in Miles City during September showed a 57% increase over September of last year. For the first nine months of the year, this increase was 29%.

MISSOULA

Employment activity in the Missoula area remained sluggish in November as cut-backs in the lumber industries continued. A mill in Mineral County was the most recent to lay off as they phased out about 150 workers. For the first nine months of 1974 Missoula showed an increase in bank debits of 32% over the same period a year ago. There were 55 building permits issued during September with a total valuation of \$1,554,000.

POLSON

Area construction work is slow with several houses nearing completion and a remodeling project at the city courthouse. Retail trades remain steady and all saw mill and logging has remained stable this month with no layoffs planned in the near future. In agriculture, Christmas tree cutting has been completed and feeding of livestock is about to begin.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

SIDNEY Construction was in full swing this month in Sidney as 11 permits for building were issued during September including three new residential permits. Work also continued on a \$105,000 medical clinic and on area highway construction. Agricultural activities during the month included plowing, land leveling and hay hauling.

THOMPSON FALLS With the exception of the logging industry, employment levels remained stable throughout the month. There has been a slight decrease in local lumber operations. Christmas tree harvest was in full swing with the number of trees being shipped down slightly from previous years.

WOLF POINT Several construction projects are now nearing completion with inclement weather affecting others. Construction jobs expected to continue throughout the winter include an 80-unit housing project and two concrete elevators. All other industries in the area are remaining stable.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

The employment level in Montana will drop slightly in December due to seasonal effects on the labor force, and layoffs in the wood products and mining industries.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 1974

<u>Program</u>	<u>New Enrollees</u>	<u>Job Placements</u>	<u>End of Month Enrollment</u>
WIN	92	62	772
CETA-CEP	107	53	244
CETA-Inst.	37	2	82
JOBS	0	0	13
JCP	0	0	17
CETA-OJT	39	12	110
Job Corps	41	21	205

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.^{1/} (1967 = 100)

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>OCT. 1974</u>	<u>Percent Change from SEP. 1974</u>	<u>OCT. 1973</u>
11 Items	153.2	0.9%	12.2%

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED^{2/} OCTOBER 1974

<u>Social Characteristics</u>	<u>Percent of Total Covered Unemployment</u>
Non-White	3.5%
Female	42.3%
Youth	14.0%
Over 45	21.9%

^{1/} The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

^{2/} Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I
MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{1/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent [#]		
						Montana	U. S.	
1972								
January	273.2	251.0	228.5	22.5	22.2	8.1	6.4	*
February	275.8	253.4	229.2	24.2	22.4	8.1	6.4	*
March	284.4	262.5	233.4	29.1	21.9	7.7	6.1	.1
April	295.7	277.0	240.7	36.3	18.7	6.3	5.5	.1
May	300.2	283.9	248.4	35.5	16.3	5.4	5.1	.2
June	318.5	298.6	256.6	42.0	19.9	6.3	6.2	.1
July	315.2	298.1	256.9	41.2	17.1	5.4	5.8	.4
August	321.9	305.3	257.7	47.6	16.6	5.2	5.5	.6
September	306.3	291.8	253.0	38.8	14.5	4.7	5.4	.3
October	293.0	279.2	249.3	29.9	13.8	4.7	5.1	*
November	292.1	274.6	247.9	26.7	17.5	6.0	4.9	.1
December	290.5	269.8	246.4	23.4	20.7	7.1	4.7	.1
1972 Avg.	297.2	278.7	245.6	33.1	18.5	6.2	5.6	.1
1973								
January	285.8	261.1	238.7	22.4	24.7	8.6	5.5	.1
February	288.3	265.6	240.3	25.3	22.7	7.9	5.6	*
March	298.0	276.1	245.5	30.6	21.9	7.4	5.2	*
April	304.7	285.3	248.6	36.7	19.4	6.3	4.8	.2
May	311.5	294.1	255.6	38.5	17.4	5.6	4.3	.4
June	329.4	306.2	265.1	41.1	23.2	7.0	5.4	.5
July	330.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	19.3	5.8	5.0	*
August	339.2	321.8	264.5	57.3	17.4	5.1	4.7	.1
September	320.8	305.3	260.2	45.1	15.5	4.8	4.7	.1
October	307.3	292.4	257.5	34.9	14.9	4.9	4.2	.1
November	303.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	19.8	6.5	4.5	*
December	299.4	279.8	254.1	25.7	19.6	6.5	4.5	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	6.3	4.9	.1
1974								
January	294.8	270.5	245.7	24.8	24.3	8.3	5.6	.1
February	297.5	274.0	249.2	24.8	23.5	7.9	5.7	*
March	307.6	284.8	254.5	30.3	22.8	7.4	5.3	*
April	317.0	295.0	261.0	34.0	22.0	6.9	4.8	*
May	329.3	309.5	270.0	39.5	19.8	6.0	4.6	4.0
June	349.6	323.0	277.9	45.1	26.6	7.6	5.8	2.0
July	348.8	326.4	277.7	48.7	22.4	6.4	5.6	*
August	343.3	323.9	277.9	46.0	19.4	5.7	5.3	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	5.3	5.7	-
October	322.6	304.0	269.1	34.9	18.6	5.8	5.5	-
November	316.5	295.0	265.6	29.4	21.5	6.8		-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast.

Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

^{1/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

Previous month preliminary.

Series began January 1970.

Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ¹
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent [#]		
						County	State	
1972								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	7.0	8.1	0
February	29.5	27.5	26.6	.9	2.0	6.9	8.1	0
March	30.2	28.4	27.1	1.3	1.8	5.9	7.7	0
April	31.3	29.7	27.9	1.8	1.6	5.2	6.3	0
May	31.2	29.7	28.3	1.4	1.5	4.8	5.4	0
June	33.4	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.5	7.5	6.3	0
July	32.6	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.2	6.7	5.4	*
August	32.6	30.5	28.3	2.2	2.1	6.6	5.2	*
September	32.3	30.3	28.1	2.2	2.0	6.3	4.7	*
October	31.1	29.2	27.7	1.5	1.9	6.1	4.7	0
November	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	2.2	7.0	6.0	*
December	31.1	28.7	27.6	1.1	2.4	7.6	7.1	*
1972 Avg.	31.3	29.3	27.8	1.5	2.0	6.5	6.2	*
1973								
January	30.2	27.5	26.5	1.0	2.7	8.8	8.6	*
February	30.4	27.9	26.6	1.3	2.5	8.3	7.9	*
March	30.7	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.3	7.4	7.4	*
April	31.8	29.7	28.0	1.7	2.1	6.7	6.3	*
May	32.2	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.2	6.9	5.6	*
June	34.2	31.2	29.3	1.9	3.0	8.8	7.0	0
July	34.1	31.7	29.2	2.5	2.4	7.0	5.8	0
August	34.4	32.4	29.3	3.1	2.0	5.9	5.1	0
September	33.0	31.0	29.2	1.8	2.0	6.2	4.8	*
October	32.0	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.7	5.4	4.9	0
November	31.4	29.4	28.3	1.1	2.0	6.3	6.5	*
December	31.4	29.5	28.1	1.4	1.9	6.0	6.5	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	6.8	6.3	*
1974								
January	31.0	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.4	7.7	8.3	*
February	30.9	28.9	27.7	1.2	2.0	6.6	7.9	*
March	31.4	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.4	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	6.1	6.9	*
May	34.0	31.8	30.2	1.6	2.2	6.5	6.0	1.4
June	35.6	32.8	30.9	1.9	2.8	7.9	7.6	1.2
July	34.2	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.5	7.3	6.4	*
August	34.8	32.6	29.8	2.8	2.2	6.2	5.7	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	5.6	5.3	-
October	32.8	30.9	29.7	1.2	1.9	5.7	5.8	-
November	31.9	30.0	29.0	1.0	1.9	6.0	6.8	-
December								
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BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

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						County	State	
1972								
January	37.1	34.6	33.9	.7	2.5	6.7	8.1	0
February	37.5	34.9	34.2	.7	2.6	6.9	8.1	0
March	38.1	35.6	34.8	.8	2.5	6.6	7.7	0
April	38.8	36.9	35.9	1.0	1.9	5.0	6.3	*
May	39.6	37.6	36.6	1.0	2.0	5.0	5.4	*
June	42.0	39.3	37.8	1.5	2.7	6.4	6.3	*
July	41.9	39.6	37.9	1.7	2.3	5.5	5.4	*
August	41.5	39.3	37.9	1.4	2.2	5.5	5.2	*
September	40.9	38.9	37.6	1.3	2.0	4.9	4.7	*
October	41.7	39.9	38.9	1.0	1.8	4.3	4.7	*
November	42.1	40.0	39.2	.8	2.1	5.0	6.0	*
December	41.9	39.6	39.0	.6	2.3	5.5	7.1	*
1972 Avg.	40.3	38.0	37.0	1.0	2.3	5.7	6.2	*
1973								
January	40.3	37.7	37.2	.5	2.6	6.5	8.6	*
February	40.7	38.4	37.7	.7	2.3	5.5	7.9	*
March	41.1	39.2	38.4	.8	1.9	4.7	7.4	0
April	42.1	40.1	39.5	.6	2.0	4.7	6.3	*
May	42.8	40.7	39.9	.8	2.1	4.9	5.6	*
June	44.6	41.8	41.2	.6	2.8	6.1	7.0	.3
July	44.2	41.7	41.0	.7	2.5	5.7	5.8	*
August	44.3	42.0	41.0	1.0	2.3	5.2	5.1	*
September	43.0	41.1	40.5	.6	1.9	4.4	4.8	*
October	44.0	42.0	41.4	.6	2.0	4.5	4.9	*
November	44.4	42.2	41.6	.6	2.2	5.1	6.5	*
December	44.0	42.0	41.4	.6	2.0	4.5	6.5	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	5.1	6.3	*
1974								
January	42.9	39.7	38.9	.8	3.2	7.4	8.3	0
February	43.5	41.2	40.2	1.0	2.3	5.4	7.9	0
March	44.1	41.8	40.6	1.2	2.3	5.2	7.4	0
April	44.6	42.5	41.2	1.3	2.1	4.7	6.9	0
May	45.8	43.5	42.1	1.4	2.3	4.9	6.0	.5
June	47.7	44.3	43.3	1.0	3.4	7.2	7.6	.5
July	47.0	44.1	42.9	1.2	2.9	6.3	6.4	*
August	46.4	44.2	42.6	1.6	2.2	4.8	5.7	*
September	45.4	43.4	42.2	1.2	2.0	4.5	5.3	-
October	45.2	43.4	42.4	1.0	1.8	4.0	5.8	-
November	45.5	43.6	42.6	1.0	1.9	4.2	6.8	-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast.

Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

^{1/} Non-additive - included in total employment.

Previous month preliminary.

Series began January 1970.

Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

OCTOBER 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Oct. 1974	Sep. 1974	Oct. 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				Sep. 1974	Oct. 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	322.6	329.7	307.3	-7.1	15.3
2. Unemployment	18.6	17.3	14.9	1.3	3.7
<i>Percent of Labor Force#</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>.5</i>	<i>.9</i>
3. Employment, Total	304.0	312.4	292.4	-8.4	11.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	238.1	244.0	227.3	-5.9	10.8

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data) ..	238.4	245.5	229.4	-7.1	9.0

MANUFACTURING	23.9	25.1	24.8	-1.2	-.9

Durable Goods	14.8	16.3	15.8	-1.5	-1.0
24 Lumber and Wood Products	7.9	9.4	9.3	-1.5	-1.4
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	.2
Other Durable Goods	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	.2

Nondurable Goods	9.1	8.8	9.0	.3	.1
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.4	4.1	4.8	.3	-.4
27 Printing and Publishing	2.1	2.0	1.8	.1	.3
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.2	1.3	1.2	-.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.2	0	.2

NONMANUFACTURING	214.5	220.4	204.6	-5.9	9.9

Mining	7.0	7.0	6.2	0	.8
10 Metal Mining	4.0	4.0	3.7	0	.3
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining ...	1.5	1.5	1.1	0	.4
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	.1

<u>Contract Construction</u>	15.0	16.1	15.8	-1.1	-0.8
15 <u>General Building Contractors</u>	6.6	7.8	6.9	-1.2	-0.3
16 <u>Heavy Construction Contractors</u>	3.3	3.3	4.3	0	-1.0
17 <u>Special Trade Contractors</u>	5.1	5.0	4.6	.1	.5
<u>Transportation and Public Utilities</u>	19.6	20.0	18.9	-0.4	.7
40 <u>Railroad Transportation</u>	6.4	6.6	6.3	-0.2	.1
41-47 <u>Transportation, except Railroad</u>	5.9	6.0	5.8	-0.1	.1
48 & 49 <u>Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services</u> ..	7.3	7.4	6.8	-0.1	.5
<u>Wholesale and Retail Trade</u>	61.4	62.7	56.7	-1.3	4.7
<u>Wholesale Trade</u>	12.3	12.3	11.0	0	1.3
<u>Retail Trade</u>	49.1	50.4	45.7	-1.3	3.4
53 & 56 <u>Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories</u> ...	8.7	8.8	7.9	-0.1	.8
54 <u>Food Stores</u>	6.1	6.3	6.1	-0.2	0
55 <u>Automotive Dealers, Service Stations</u>	9.1	9.1	13.7	0	-4.6
58 <u>Eating and Drinking Places</u>	15.2	16.1	9.0	-0.9	6.2
52, 57, 59 <u>Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.</u> ..	10.0	10.1	9.0	-0.1	1.0
<u>Finance, Insurance and Real Estate</u>	10.1	10.1	9.3	0	.8
<u>Services</u>	44.9	47.0	42.7	-2.1	2.2
70 <u>Hotels and other Lodging Places</u>	6.2	7.4	5.9	-1.2	.3
72 <u>Personal Services</u>	2.3	2.4	2.4	-0.1	-0.1
80 <u>Medical and other Health Services</u>	14.0	14.2	13.0	-0.2	1.0
<u>Other Services</u>	22.4	23.0	21.4	-0.6	1.0
<u>Government</u>	56.5	57.5	55.0	-1.0	1.5
91 <u>Federal Government</u>	12.3	13.4	11.8	-1.1	.5
92 & 93 <u>State and Local Government</u>	44.2	44.1	43.2	.1	1.0
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	31.0	31.6	30.2	-0.6	.8
(c) Agriculture	34.9	36.8	34.9	-1.9	0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	-	-	.1	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.
Establishment Series began January 1964. Residence Series began January 1970.
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RESIDENCE DATA

(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

OCTOBER 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Oct. 1974	Sep. 1974	Oct. 1973	Sep. 1974	Oct. 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	32.8	33.2	32.0	-.4	.8
2. Unemployment	1.9	1.9	1.7	0	.2
<i>Percent of Labor Force#</i>	5.7	5.6	5.4	.1	.3
3. Employment, Total	30.9	31.3	30.3	-.4	.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) ...	27.3	27.3	26.5	0	.8

<i>NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY</i> <i>(Establishment Data)</i>	28.3	28.4	27.6	-.1	.7
<i>MANUFACTURING</i>	1.9	2.0	2.0	-.1	-.1
<i>NONMANUFACTURING</i>	26.4	26.4	25.6	0	.8
<i>Contract Construction</i>	1.7	1.8	2.1	-.1	-.4
<i>Transportation and Public Utilities</i> ...	2.3	2.5	2.3	-.2	0
<i>Wholesale and Retail Trade</i>	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	.1
<i>Finance, Insurance and Real Estate</i>	1.9	1.8	1.8	.1	.1
<i>Services and Mining</i>	6.2	6.2	5.7	0	.5
<i>Government</i>	6.3	6.1	5.8	.2	.5

(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.2	1.6	1.4	-.4	-.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	-	-	0	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1970.
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and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

Table VI
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

OCTOBER 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Net Changes to Current Month from:				
	Oct. 1974	Sep. 1974	Oct. 1973	Sep. 1974	Oct. 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	45.2	45.4	44.0	-.2	1.2
2. Unemployment	1.8	2.0	2.0	-.2	-.2
<i>Percent of Labor Force#</i>	4.0	4.5	4.5	-.5	-.5
3. Employment, Total	43.4	43.4	42.0	0	1.4
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data) ...	38.1	38.0	36.8	.1	1.3

<i>NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY</i> <i>(Establishment Data)</i>	38.3	38.1	36.9	.2	1.4
<i>MANUFACTURING</i>	4.1	3.7	4.1	.4	0
<i>NONMANUFACTURING</i>	34.2	34.4	32.8	-.2	1.4
Contract Construction	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	4.0	4.1	3.8	-.1	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	12.3	12.4	11.5	-.1	.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	.1
Services and Mining	8.3	8.4	7.8	-.1	.5
Government	5.7	5.6	5.9	.1	-.2

(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	4.3	4.2	4.6	.1	-.3
(c) Agriculture	1.0	1.2	.6	-.2	.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	-	-	*	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary.
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1970.
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Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS^{1/}

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974
STATEWIDE	343.3	329.7	322.6	323.9	312.4	304.0	19.4	17.3	18.6	5.7	5.3	5.8
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.8	33.2	32.8	32.6	31.3	30.9	2.2	1.9	1.9	6.2	5.6	5.7
BILLINGS SMSA	46.4	45.4	45.2	44.2	43.4	43.4	2.2	2.0	1.8	4.8	4.5	4.0
BALANCE OF STATE ^{2/}	262.1	251.1	244.6	247.1	237.7	229.7	15.0	13.4	14.9	5.7	5.3	6.1
ANACONDA-BUTTE	34.4	34.4	33.7	32.6	32.7	31.7	1.8	1.7	2.0	5.2	4.9	5.8
BOZEMAN	24.4	24.5	23.9	23.1	23.2	22.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	5.3	5.3	5.9
GLASGOW	18.8	16.6	15.9	17.9	16.0	15.3	.9	.6	.6	4.8	3.6	3.9
GLENDIVE	14.5	13.9	13.2	13.8	13.3	12.7	.7	.6	.5	4.8	4.3	3.7
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.5	10.3	10.0	10.5	9.7	9.3	1.0	.6	.7	8.7	5.8	6.7
HAVRE	14.2	12.8	12.4	13.5	12.2	11.9	.7	.6	.5	4.9	4.7	4.3
HELENA	22.2	22.0	21.5	20.9	20.9	20.4	1.3	1.1	1.1	5.9	5.0	5.4
KALISPELL	34.5	32.8	32.2	31.9	30.2	29.2	2.6	2.6	3.0	7.5	7.9	9.3
LEWISTOWN	12.7	11.8	11.4	12.0	11.3	10.8	.7	.5	.6	5.5	4.2	5.1
MILES CITY	14.3	13.5	12.9	13.7	13.0	12.5	.6	.5	.4	4.2	3.7	3.0
MISSOULA	40.3	39.8	39.6	37.7	37.1	36.2	2.6	2.7	3.4	6.5	6.8	8.6
SHELBY-CUT BANK	20.3	18.7	17.6	19.5	18.1	17.2	.8	.6	.7	3.9	3.2	3.9

^{1/} A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.^{2/} Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS^{1/}

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

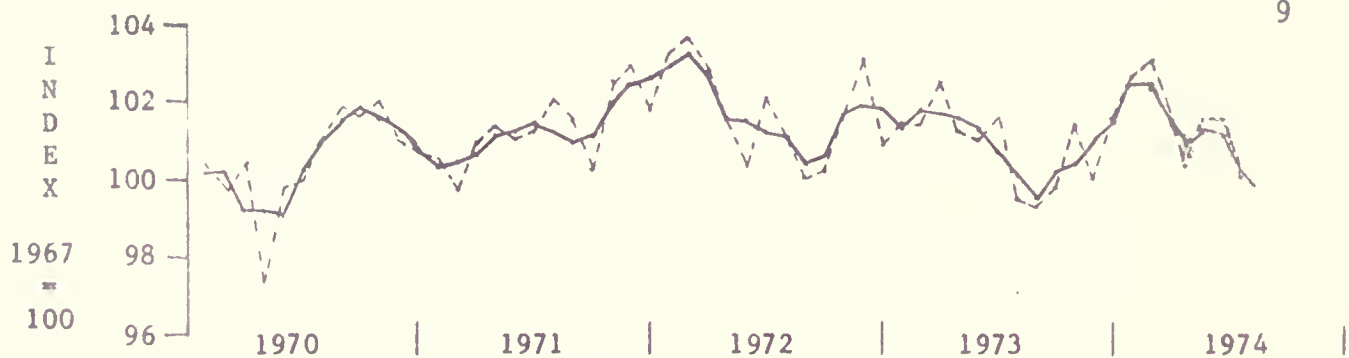
	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Percent Change 1973-1974			Percent Change 1973-1974			Net Change 1973-1974			Net Change 1973-1974		
	Oct. 1974	Oct. 1973		Oct. 1974	Oct. 1973		Oct. 1974	Oct. 1973		Oct. 1974	Oct. 1973	
STATEWIDE	322.6	307.3	5.0	304.0	292.4	4.0	18.6	14.9	3.7	5.8	4.9	.9
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.8	32.0	2.5	30.9	30.3	2.0	1.9	1.7	.2	5.7	5.4	.3
BILLINGS SMSA	45.2	44.5	1.6	43.4	42.5	2.1	1.8	2.0	-.2	4.0	4.6	-.6
BALANCE OF STATE ^{2/}	244.6	230.8	6.0	229.7	219.6	4.6	14.9	11.2	3.7	6.1	4.8	1.3
ANACONDA-BUTTE	33.7	32.2	4.7	31.7	30.6	3.6	2.0	1.6	.4	5.8	4.8	1.0
BOZEMAN	23.9	22.6	5.8	22.5	21.8	3.2	1.4	.8	.6	5.9	3.5	2.4
GLASGOW	15.9	13.9	14.4	15.3	13.4	14.2	.6	.6	0	3.9	4.3	-.4
GLENDIVE	13.2	11.7	12.8	12.7	11.4	11.4	.5	.3	.2	3.7	2.8	.9
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.0	9.4	6.4	9.3	9.0	3.3	.7	.4	.3	6.7	4.5	2.2
HAVRE	12.4	12.1	2.5	11.9	11.6	2.6	.5	.5	0	4.3	4.1	.2
HELENA	21.5	20.6	4.4	20.4	19.6	4.1	1.1	1.0	.1	5.4	4.8	.6
KALISPELL	32.2	30.9	4.2	29.2	28.7	1.7	3.0	2.2	.8	9.3	7.1	2.2
LEWISTOWN	11.4	9.8	16.3	10.8	9.4	14.9	.6	.4	.2	5.1	4.3	.8
MILES CITY	12.9	12.8	.8	12.5	12.4	.8	.4	.4	0	3.0	2.7	.3
MISSOULA	39.6	38.0	4.2	36.2	35.9	.8	3.4	2.1	1.3	8.6	5.6	3.0
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.9	16.8	6.5	17.2	15.9	8.2	.7	.9	-.2	3.9	5.3	-1.4

^{1/} A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.

^{2/} Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1973

January	101.6
February	101.5
March	102.6
April	101.3
May	101.1
June	101.7
July	99.6
August	99.4
September	99.9
October	101.5
November	100.1
December	101.6

1974

January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	98.0 ^p
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

The Composite Index for Montana continued its decline as four out of the six components displayed negative trends. Accessions and average weekly initial claims were up.

Surprisingly enough building permits were up slightly over August as was manufacturing employment. Preliminary data indicate a continuing drop in Montana's Composite Index.

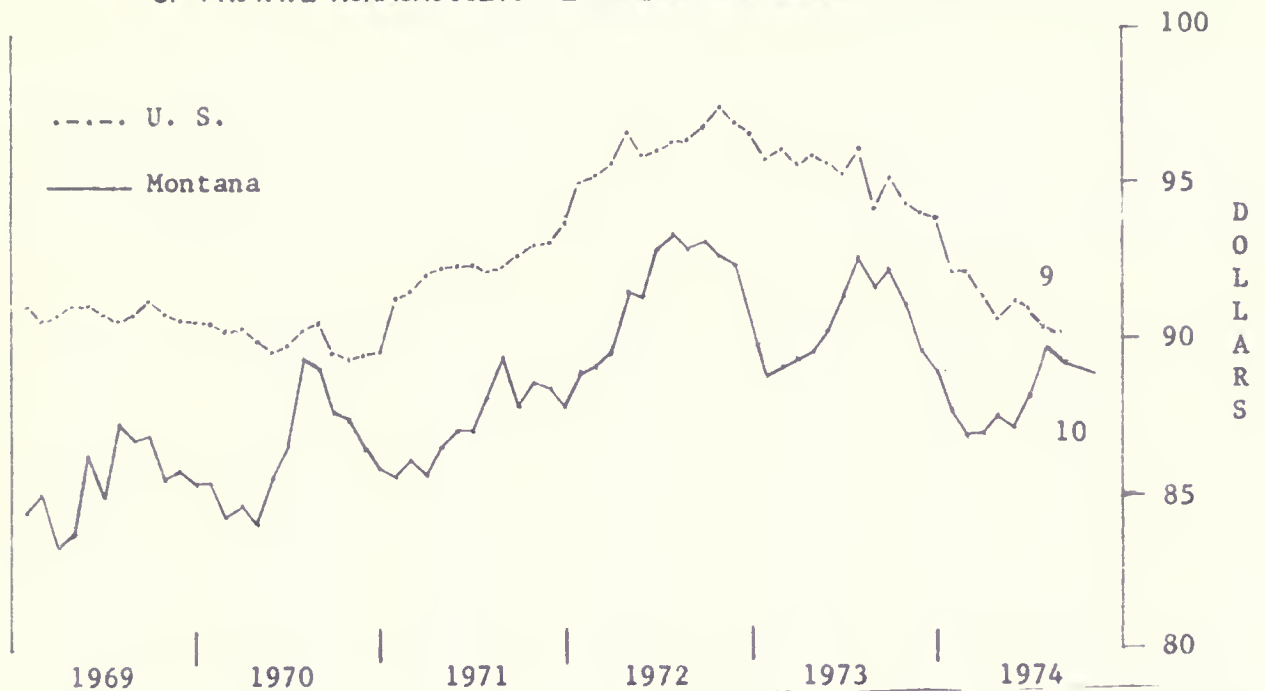
In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.

** Indicates last month of plotted data.

p: Preliminary.

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Oct. 1974	Sep. 1974	Oct. 1973
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	\$158.11 ^P	\$157.38	\$145.02
Taxes Withheld	-26.53	-26.25	-20.58
Spendable Earnings	131.58 ^P	131.13	124.44
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	-45.69	-44.80	-33.34
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	85.89 ^P	86.33	91.10

1973	
January	\$88.87
February	89.02
March	89.35
April	89.52
May	90.25
June	91.31
July	92.54
August	91.67
September	92.17
October	91.10
November	89.54
December	88.98

1974	
January	\$87.62
February	86.88
March	86.94
April	87.50
May	87.15
June	88.17
July	89.53
August	88.37
September	86.33
October	85.89 ^P
November	
December	

Real spendable average weekly earnings continued to decline in October. Though average weekly earnings were up \$.73, at \$158.11, in October over September, real spendable earnings declined \$.44 due to inflation.

The U. S. Consumer Price Index jumped from 151.9 in September to 153.2 in October.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{1/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						Montana	U. S.	
1972								
January	291.7	273.4	241.5	31.9	18.3	6.3	5.9	*
February	293.4	275.0	242.3	32.7	18.4	6.3	5.7	*
March	295.6	277.7	243.9	33.8	17.9	6.1	5.9	.1
April	299.2	281.0	245.6	35.4	18.2	6.1	5.9	.1
May	297.6	279.5	246.4	33.1	18.1	6.1	5.9	.2
June	297.4	280.0	245.5	34.5	17.4	5.9	5.5	.1
July	295.9	277.9	246.3	31.6	18.0	6.1	5.5	.4
August	297.9	279.4	246.1	33.3	18.5	6.2	5.6	.6
September	299.1	280.0	246.1	33.9	19.1	6.4	5.5	.3
October	297.4	278.4	246.3	32.1	19.0	6.4	5.5	*
November	299.6	280.6	248.1	32.5	19.0	6.3	5.2	.1
December	300.8	280.6	249.1	31.5	20.2	6.7	5.1	.1
1972 Avg.	297.2	278.7	245.6	33.1	18.5	6.2	5.6	.1
1973								
January	304.0	283.9	252.1	31.8	20.1	6.6	5.0	.1
February	306.6	288.0	254.0	34.0	18.6	6.1	5.1	*
March	310.1	291.9	256.0	35.9	18.2	5.9	5.0	*
April	307.9	288.9	253.4	35.5	19.0	6.2	5.0	.2
May	308.4	289.1	253.3	35.8	19.3	6.3	5.0	.4
June	308.1	287.6	253.4	34.2	20.5	6.7	4.8	.5
July	310.4	290.1	252.9	37.2	20.3	6.5	4.7	*
August	312.1	292.6	253.1	39.5	19.5	6.2	4.8	.1
September	313.0	292.9	253.6	39.3	20.1	6.4	4.8	.1
October	312.4	291.9	254.4	37.5	20.5	6.6	4.5	.1
November	312.1	290.7	254.5	36.2	21.4	6.9	4.7	*
December	310.6	291.5	256.9	34.6	19.1	6.1	4.8	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	6.3	4.9	.1
1974								
January	314.5	294.7	259.5	35.2	19.8	6.3	5.2	.1
February	316.0	296.7	263.4	33.3	19.3	6.1	5.2	*
March	319.6	300.7	265.4	35.3	18.9	5.9	5.1	*
April	320.5	299.0	266.1	32.9	21.5	6.7	5.0	*
May	326.3	304.3	267.6	36.7	22.0	6.7	5.2	4.0
June	326.7	303.2	265.7	37.5	23.5	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	327.8	304.2	266.5	37.7	23.6	7.2	5.3	*
August	319.4	297.6	265.9	31.7	21.8	6.8	5.4	.2
September	323.2	300.7	268.7	32.0	22.5	7.0	5.8	-
October	329.0	303.4	265.9	37.5	25.6	7.8	6.0	-
November	325.1	301.9	265.6	36.3	23.2	7.1		-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast. Previous month preliminary.
 1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. Series began January 1970.
 NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should
 not be confused with actual numbers. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{1/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						County	State	
1972								
January	30.9	29.2	28.0	1.2	1.7	5.5	6.3	0
February	30.8	29.0	27.9	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.3	0
March	31.1	29.4	27.9	1.5	1.7	5.5	6.1	0
April	31.4	29.7	28.1	1.6	1.7	5.4	6.1	0
May	31.1	29.5	28.1	1.4	1.6	5.1	6.1	0
June	31.5	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.0	6.3	5.9	0
July	31.4	29.3	27.8	1.5	2.1	6.7	6.1	*
August	31.4	29.1	27.4	1.7	2.3	7.3	6.2	*
September	31.7	29.5	27.5	2.0	2.2	6.9	6.4	*
October	31.6	29.2	27.5	1.7	2.4	7.6	6.4	0
November	31.5	29.1	27.5	1.6	2.4	7.6	6.3	*
December	31.7	29.2	27.8	1.4	2.5	7.9	6.7	*
1972 Avg.	31.3	29.3	27.8	1.5	2.0	6.5	6.2	*
1973								
January	31.5	29.2	27.9	1.3	2.3	7.3	6.6	*
February	31.7	29.5	27.9	1.6	2.2	6.9	6.1	*
March	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	7.0	5.9	*
April	31.9	29.7	28.2	1.5	2.2	6.9	6.2	*
May	32.1	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.3	7.2	6.3	*
June	32.2	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.4	7.5	6.7	0
July	32.6	30.3	28.2	2.1	2.3	7.0	6.5	0
August	32.9	30.8	28.5	2.3	2.1	6.4	6.2	0
September	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.4	*
October	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	0
November	31.8	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.2	6.9	6.9	*
December	32.1	30.1	28.3	1.8	2.0	6.2	6.1	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	6.8	6.3	*
1974								
January	32.4	30.4	29.1	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.3	*
February	32.3	30.5	29.0	1.5	1.8	5.6	6.1	*
March	32.2	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.0	6.2	5.9	*
April	32.4	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.1	6.5	6.7	*
May	33.9	31.6	30.0	1.6	2.3	6.8	6.7	1.4
June	33.7	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.3	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.8	30.4	28.5	1.9	2.4	7.3	7.2	*
August	33.5	31.1	29.0	2.1	2.4	7.2	6.8	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.0	6.2	7.0	-
October	33.2	30.8	29.4	1.4	2.4	7.2	7.8	-
November	32.3	30.2	28.9	1.3	2.1	6.5	7.1	-
December								

* Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast. Previous month preliminary.

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. Series began January 1970.

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BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute ^{1/}
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						County	State	
1972								
January	38.5	36.3	35.4	.9	2.2	5.7	6.3	0
February	38.8	36.5	35.6	.9	2.3	5.9	6.3	0
March	39.2	37.0	36.0	1.0	2.2	5.6	6.1	0
April	39.4	37.3	36.2	1.1	2.1	5.3	6.1	*
May	39.6	37.4	36.5	.9	2.2	5.6	6.1	*
June	40.3	38.1	36.8	1.3	2.2	5.5	5.9	*
July	40.8	38.5	37.2	1.3	2.3	5.6	6.1	*
August	40.7	38.4	37.3	1.1	2.3	5.7	6.2	*
September	40.9	38.6	37.4	1.2	2.3	5.6	6.4	*
October	41.6	39.1	38.1	1.0	2.5	6.0	6.4	*
November	41.4	39.3	38.4	.9	2.1	5.1	6.3	*
December	41.7	39.4	38.7	.7	2.3	5.5	6.7	*
1972 Avg.	40.3	38.0	37.0	1.0	2.3	5.7	6.2	*
1973								
January	41.9	39.6	38.9	.7	2.3	5.5	6.6	*
February	42.2	40.2	39.3	.9	2.0	4.7	6.1	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.7	1.0	1.7	4.0	5.9	0
April	42.6	40.4	39.8	.6	2.2	5.2	6.2	*
May	42.9	40.5	39.8	.7	2.4	5.6	6.3	*
June	42.8	40.5	40.0	.5	2.3	5.4	6.7	.3
July	43.1	40.7	40.2	.5	2.4	5.6	6.5	*
August	43.5	41.2	40.4	.8	2.3	5.3	6.2	*
September	43.0	40.8	40.3	.5	2.2	5.1	6.4	*
October	43.9	41.1	40.5	.6	2.8	6.4	6.6	*
November	43.6	41.4	40.8	.6	2.2	5.1	6.9	*
December	43.7	41.7	41.0	.7	2.0	4.6	6.1	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	5.1	6.3	*
1974								
January	44.4	41.6	40.6	1.0	2.8	6.3	6.3	0
February	45.2	43.2	41.9	1.3	2.0	4.4	6.1	0
March	45.4	43.4	41.9	1.5	2.0	4.4	5.9	0
April	45.2	42.9	41.5	1.4	2.3	5.1	6.7	0
May	45.9	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.6	5.7	6.7	.5
June	45.7	42.9	42.0	.9	2.8	6.1	7.2	.5
July	45.8	43.0	42.1	.9	2.8	6.1	7.2	*
August	45.5	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.2	4.8	6.8	*
September	45.4	43.0	42.0	1.0	2.4	5.3	7.0	-
October	45.1	42.6	41.5	1.1	2.5	5.5	7.8	-
November	44.8	42.9	41.8	1.1	1.9	4.2	7.1	-
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast.

Previous month preliminary.

^{1/} Non-additive - included in Total Employment.

Series began January 1970.

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Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

OCTOBER 1974

	<u>Average Weekly Earnings</u>		<u>Average Weekly Hours</u>		<u>Average Hourly Earnings</u>		
	Oct. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1973	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1974	Sept. 1974	Oct. 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$158.11	\$157.38	\$145.02	36.6	36.6	\$4.32	\$3.93
MANUFACTURING							
Durable Goods	196.22	193.93	187.27	38.1	38.1	5.15	4.59
Primary Metal Industries	187.72	188.37	191.36	36.1	37.3	5.20	4.60
Nondurable Goods	211.43	227.01	190.40	39.4	41.5	5.62	4.76
Food and Kindred Products	215.56	209.16	177.25	42.6	40.3	5.06	4.58
	211.46	207.45	162.35	47.2	45.0	4.48	4.11
MINING							
Metal Mining	248.04	247.38	211.67	42.4	42.8	5.85	5.15
	251.12	251.12	210.80	41.1	41.1	6.11	5.27
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	284.07	270.48	256.90	34.6	33.6	8.21	6.69
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	251.72	246.65	228.80	43.4	42.6	5.80	5.50
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	191.88	192.37	185.80	38.3	39.1	5.01	4.68
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	121.04	122.81	112.14	35.6	35.7	3.40	3.15
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	112.48	114.95	104.54	37.0	37.2	3.04	2.88
SERVICES	103.49	103.46	87.51	33.6	33.7	3.08	2.66

Data for current month are preliminary.

Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.

Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES
In Manufacturing and Mining Industries
(per 100 employees)

SEPTEMBER 1974

	ACCESSION RATES				SEPARATION RATES										
	Total		New Hires		Total		Quits		Layoffs						
	Sept. 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Aug. 1974	Sept. 1974	Aug. 1974					
	1973	1973	1973	1973	1973	1973	1973	1973	1973	1973					
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.8	4.4	2.8	3.4	4.0	6.9	6.3	5.9	3.2	3.4	3.8	2.6	1.9	1.2
Durable Goods	2.1	4.0	3.9	1.9	3.7	3.4	5.9	6.5	6.1	3.1	3.5	4.0	1.5	1.8	1.0
Primary Metal Industries	3.4	3.2	2.7	2.9	2.4	1.1	5.7	3.1	6.8	3.6	1.7	2.9	1.1	.3	2.2
Nondurable Goods	5.9	3.2	5.1	4.5	2.9	4.9	8.7	6.1	5.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	4.5	2.1	1.7
MINING	3.5	4.2	6.6	2.8	.9	3.2	7.4	5.0	8.7	4.6	2.7	4.8	.3	.6	.3
Metal Mining	1.5	3.9	6.3	.6	1.3	1.4	8.5	5.1	9.4	5.4	2.7	5.0	.5	-	.1

* Less than .05.
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of October 1974.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana by industry in October.

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	36
MINING	8
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	31
MANUFACTURING	22
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	53
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	15
SERVICES	86
NONCLASSIFIABLE ESTABLISHMENTS	1
TOTAL	253

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

October 1974 - 253 Total New Firms

<u>Areas</u>	<u>New Business Firms</u>	<u>Areas</u>	<u>New Business Firms</u>
<u>GREAT FALLS SMSA</u>		<u>BILLINGS SMSA</u>	
Cascade	24	Yellowstone	31

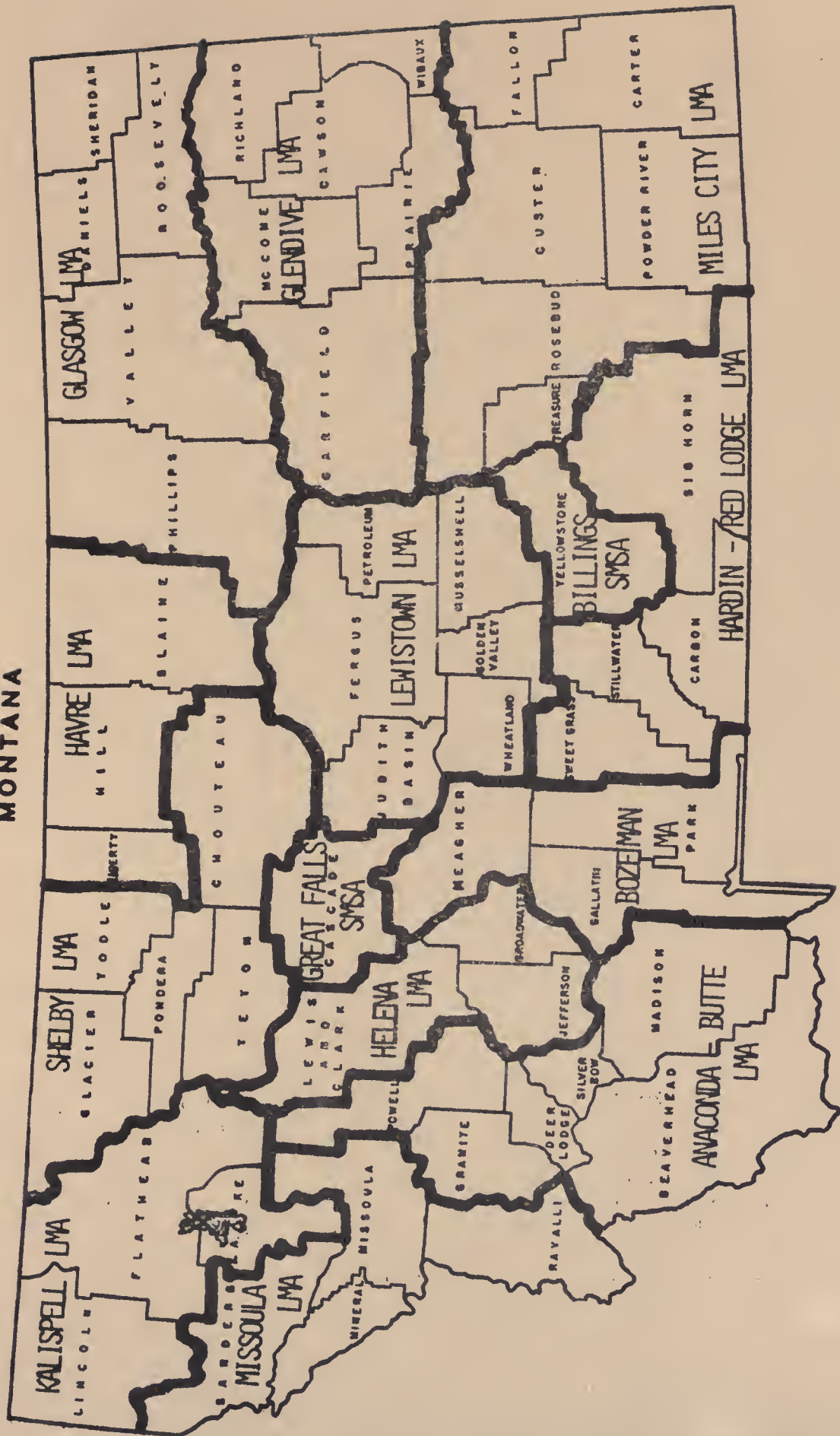
<u>ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA</u>	35	<u>HELENA LMA</u>	19
Beaverhead	2	Broadwater	2
Deer Lodge	11	Jefferson	1
Granite	3	Lewis and Clark	16
Madison	5		
Powell	5	<u>KALISPELL LMA</u>	22
Silver Bow	9	Flathead	12
		Lake	9
<u>BOZEMAN LMA</u>	30	Lincoln	1
Gallatin	23		
Meagher	1	<u>LEWISTOWN LMA</u>	3
Park	6	Fergus	-
		Golden Valley	-
<u>GLASGOW LMA</u>	11	Judith Basin	1
Danfels	-	Musselshell	2
Phillips	4	Petroleum	-
Roosevelt	-	Wheatland	-
Sheridan	5		
Valley	2	<u>MILES CITY LMA</u>	13
		Carter	5
<u>GLENDIVE LMA</u>	6	Custer	3
Dawson	1	Fallon	2
Garfield	-	Powder River	1
McCone	4	Rosebud	2
Prairie	-	Treasure	-
Richland	1		
Wibaux	-	<u>MISSOULA LMA</u>	36
		Mineral	2
<u>HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA</u>	4	Missoula	28
Big Horn	1	Ravalli	4
Carbon	2	Sanders	2
Stillwater	-		
Sweet Grass	1	<u>SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA</u>	6
		Chouteau	2
<u>HAVRE LMA</u>	13	Glacier	3
Blaine	2	Pondera	-
Hill	7	Teton	-
Liberty	4	Toole	1

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

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